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SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAN

REF: TEHRAN 2677; BEIRUT AIRGRAM A-41, FEB 19

1. WE TRUST DEPT WILL READ TEHRAN'S
REFTEL IN CONJUNCTION A-41, WHICH OUTLINED CURRENT
203(A)7 SITUATION IN BEIRUT. AT LAST COUNT,
NEARLY 2400 203(A)7 APPLICANTS IN PIPELINE HERE.
ASSUMING NO RPT NO PRIORITY GRANTED TO USRP
ELEIGIBLE REFUGEES AND ASSUMING CONTINUED
ALLOCATION 200 NUMBERS A MONTH TO BEIRUT PROGRAM,
CASES IN PIPELINE WILL REQUIRE APPROX ONE
YEAR TO CLEAR. IF PRIORITIES RETAINED OR IN NOT
UNLIKELY EVENT RETURN TO 150 NUMBERS A MONTH,
DELAY FOR NON-USRP ELEIGIBLES SUCH AS KURDS WOULD
BE MUCH LONGER.

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2. IN VIEW INCREASING DEMAND FOR 203(A)7 NUMBERS WORLDWIDE,

WE DOUBT ANY POSSIBILITY INCREASED NUMBERS FOR
KURDISH REFUGEES. UNLESS DEPT ABLE ASSURE
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN NUMBERS FOR BEIRUT PROGRAM
PLUS INS PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER THEM, WE BELIVE
IT WOULD BE MOST UNWISE ENCOURAGE KURDISH REFUGEES
TRAVEL TO BEIRUT. NOT ONLY WOULD SUCH REFUGEES
ENCOUNTER LONG DELAYS, INFLOW OF WAVE OF REFUGEES
FROM NEW SOURCE COULD COMPLICATE ALSWAYS DELICATE
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOL ON REFUGEE PROGRAM.

3. IF DEPT DOES CONTEPLATE INCLUDING KURDS IN
203(A)7 PROGRAM, EITHER HERE OR ELSEWHERE, ASSUME
VOLAGS WILL BE CONSULTED RE BUDGET AND PERSONNEL
REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMMODATE NEW WAVE OF REFUGEES.
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